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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5439**
Peter POCHLAUER et al. : Docket No. 2001_0331A
Serial No. 09/834,926 : Group Art Unit 1621
Filed April 16, 2001 : Examiner P. Zucker

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
OPTICALLY AND CHEMICALLY HIGHLY
PURE (R) - or (S)- α -HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC
ACIDS

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated November 3, 2003, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached Petition, please amend the present application as follows: